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SUBJ: ONGOING PLANNING FOR ASEAN SUMMIT

1. DURING RETURN COURTESY CALL ON ME OCTOBER 8 BY INDONESIAN
AMBASSADOR HENDRANINGRAT, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRING UP
SUBJECT OF ONGOING PLANNING FOR ASEAN SUMMIT AND TO ASK WHERE
MATTERS NOW STOOD. HENDRANINGRAT REPLIED THAT NEXT PREPARATORY
MEETING WILL BE HELD IN FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER IN KUALA LUMPUR
(OR PERHAPS IN PENANG, WHERE ATMOSPHERE IS "QUIETER" AND GOOD
HOTEL FACILITIES EXIST) FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SESSION IN THE
PHILIPPINES, PROBABLY IN BAGUIO, IF THIS PROVES NECESSARY.
FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FIRST HALF OF
DECEMBER IN BANGKOK SO THAT ACTUAL SUMMIT MAY TAKE PLACE
SOMETIME IN JANUARY. HENDRANINGRAT CONFIRMED THAT INDONESIANS
STILL EXPECT SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN BALI, AND ARE
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THINKING OF USING FACILITIES OWNED BY PERTAMINA WHICH ARE CAPABLE

OF HOUSING 150 GUESTS.

2. ACCORDING TO HENDRANINGRAT, OBJECTIVE OF PREPARATORY SESSIONS IS TO PREPARE A FINISHED DOCUMENT FOR THE SUMMIT WHICH THE TOP LEADERS WILL SIMPLY SIGN--IT WOULD DO ASEAN NO GOOD, HE SAID, TO PRESENT THE APPEARANCE OF DISUNITY AS IMPLIED BY LENGTHY DEBATES AMONG THE LEADERSHIP OVER UNRESOLVED ISSUES. HENDRANINGRAT ADDED THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT FOUR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: A) A TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION INVOLVING ALL ASEAN COUNTRIES; B) SOUTHEAST ASIA AS A ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY; C) INCREASED ASEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION (INCLUDING A PROPOSED LIBERALIZATION OF IMPORTS WHICH HENDRANINGRAT OBSERVED WAS NOT FAVORED BY INDONESIA; AND D) THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING OF DEFENSE MINISTERS. INCLUSION OF THIS LAST ITEM WAS NOT YET CERTAIN.

3. ON THE SECURITY SIDE, HENDRANINGRAT MENTIONED THAT INDONESIA DID NOT ADVOCATE A FORMAL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP INVOLVING THE ASEAN NATIONS, BUT RATHER LOOKED TOWARD A LESS-FORMAL TYPE OF COOPERATION AMONG THE PARTNERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE. HE RECALLED THAT INDONESIA HAD ALREADY ENGAGED IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN REGION ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS, AND ENVISAGED FURTHER CONTACTS OF THIS NATURE. HE ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A COUNTER-INSURGENCY SCHOOL IN INDONESIA IN WHICH INSTRUCTORS FROM COUNTRIES WITH SOME EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD, E.G. THAILAND, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA, COULD PASS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES TO OTHERS.

4. HENDRANINGRAT REMARKED IN CONCLUSION THAT IN ALL OF THE ASEAN PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS INDONESIA AS THE BIGGEST ASEAN COUNTRY WAS BEING VERY CAREFUL NOT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF TALKING DOWN TO THE OTHER MEMBERS. HOLDRIDGE

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